

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Applicants seek to amend claims 1, 8, 9, 15, and 23, and to cancel claims 2 and 3.

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Graham (U.S. Patent Application No. 20030055826).

On September 15, 2006, Examiners Ali and Harper granted the Applicants' attorney the courtesy of a telephonic interview. During the interview, the Applicants' attorney noted that the Graham reference fails to discuss database server architecture as recited in each of the Applicants' claims, and that 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) requires that Graham recite each and every claimed limitation in order to anticipate the claimed invention. In response, Examiner Ali indicated that amending the independent claims to include the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 3 would overcome the rejection and bring this case to allowance. The Applicants have so amended, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection. The Applicants note that this amendment was not made to overcome anticipation by Graham, which Applicants believe is deficient under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for reasons already of record.

Favorable action is solicited. The Applicants kindly invite the Examiners to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

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